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*Town Clerk*  
*24 Aug 1878*

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of Marlborough Schools & Teachers for the  
past Century,* **REPORTS**

OF THE

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AND

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Total valuation of the town, April 1, 1875,	\$439,784 00
Reduced value,	2,259 56
Number of polls, 334.	
Total valuation of real estate, April 1, 1875,	354,593 00
Total valuation of real estate, Sept. 1, 1875,	374,935 00
Amount of money appropriated for schooling for 1875, assessed for 1875, and funds,	1,355 99
Division of school money for 1875 :	
District No. 1, Isaac A. Davis,	\$103 59
“ 2, Andrew J. Emerson,	600 68
“ 3, Frank B. Lovering,	113 98
“ 4, Henry H. Mason,	102 31
“ 5, Amos A. Mason,	106 60
“ 6, Samuel Jones,	97 16
“ 7, Jacob Proctor,	96 48
“ 8, Josiah L. Sargeant,	135 19
To Jaffrey, Joseph W. Fassett,	3 03
To Harrisville, Sylvester T. Simonds,	1 96
	<hr/> \$1,355 99

### TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid A. A. Mason for services as Selectman, 1875,	\$115 00
J. W. Lawrence, “ “	105 00
M. A. Thompson, “ “	100 00
G. G. Davis, Town Treasurer,	25 00
G. G. Davis, Town Clerk,	25 00
C. Ryan, Collector,	80 00
C. E. Houghton, Superintending School Com.,	10 00
H. W. Hand. “ “	10 00
J. H. Hillman “ “	20 00
C. Smith, “ “	77 75
A. Knowlton, Police Officer,	1 50
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REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, 1875, AND BREAKING  
ROADS IN THE WINTER OF 1874-5.

Paid G. W. Gilson, for breaking roads,	\$14 10
J. H. Knight, "	5 50
D. S. Derby, "	16 20
C. E. Hardy, "	17 00
W. L. Gates, "	12 05
G. F. Wise, "	4 70
G. A. Lovering, "	4 00
F. H. Harvey, "	12 40
A. L. Nye, "	4 46
J. H. Knight, for repairing highway,	4 50
O. J. Bemis, "	21 74
I. E. Gates, "	25 55
G. A. Lovering, "	4 30
A. Knowlton, "	21 10
A. Fuller, Jr., "	20 93
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	\$188 53

Paid A. A. Mason, general road agent,	\$113 00
J. McRoy, sub-agent,	69 00
J. H. Knight, "	97 95
G. L. White, "	88 60
S. Jones, "	69 00
D. S. Derby, "	91 30
G. Lovering, "	60 00
J. M. Davis, "	58 00
A. Richardson, "	120 00
I. E. Gates, "	138 05
L. F. Mason, "	246 76
A. Knowlton, "	400 79
J. W. Lawrence, "	103 75
C. V. Smith, "	40 00
A. Fuller, Jr., "	195 14
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	\$1,891 34

SUPPORT OF THE POOR, 1874-5.

Paid State Reform School, support of Willie A. Thatcher,	\$105 72
A. A. Mason, aid furnished Levi Gozro,	16 49
Support Mrs. Wm. R. White at County farm,	169 00
C. R. Worster, support Mrs. Lydia Coburn,	86 35



Paid F. A. Mason, support Frank Collins,	\$106 37
J. C. Rice, for tramp,	11 00
J. C. Stone,       "	40 75
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	\$535 68

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid State tax,	1,252 00
County tax,	750 86
E. O. Woodward, school house tax in No. 2,	2,000 00
Sylvester Simonds, (Harrisville), school house tax,	3 93
Wm. M. Nason, ministerial fund,	11 11
J. M. Richardson,       "	11 11
H. W. Hand,       "	11 11
W. H. Clark, for Torrent Engine Co.,	147 00
J. Collins, for hooks and ladders and repairing engine,	88 38
L. Hemenway, for 300 ft. hose,	270 00
J. Collins, for painting engine house,	22 45
"       for hearse runners,	39 57
"       for advertising town bonds,	5 50
"       for constructing ticket office for town hall,	13 82
J. Collins, for chair for same,	3 35
G. G. Davis, for painting store in town hall building,	16 28
A. Knowlton, for repairing wood-house at town hall,	10 06
J. W. Lawrence, for building new road near C.	
A. Allen's,	81 85
C. A. Allen, land damage,	2 00
G. A. Rollins,       "	25 00
G. Cloutiur,       "	5 00
P. Cloutiur,       "	5 00
J. W. Lawrence, for building sidewalk,	91 62
J. W. Lawrence, for repairing sidewalk,	6 50
J. W. Lawrence, for repairing reservoir dam near C. E. Houghton's,	18 50
J. W. Lawrence, for repairing bank wall,	24 90
G. G. Davis, for railing poles,	19 20
Mary H. Buss, public watering place for 2 years,	6 00
E. Gates, for public watering place,	3 00
W. C. Mason,       "       "	3 00

Paid G. B. Britton, for sheep killed by dogs,	\$ 30 00
J. Proctor, " " "	7 00
E. E. Smith, " " "	22 00
S. Jones, " " "	15 00
I. W. Holbrook, " " "	8 00
I. E. Gates, " " "	11 00
A. T. Woodward, " " "	8 00
M. A. Thompson, for ballot boxes.	4 00
For printing town reports for 1875,	48 00
Wheeler & Faulkner, retaining fee,	12 00
Charles Stay, liquor agent,	3 29
A. Knowlton, for police badge,	2 00
H. H. Ward, for tolling bell.	1 25
A. A. Mason, for expenses while taking invoice in April and September,	24 65
For stationery,	10 02
Express bills,	2 25
J. Collins, for taking depositions,	1 00
D. W. Roby, for bridge plank,	42 00
L. A. Fuller, " " "	29 75
O. R. Wiswall, " " "	47 46
" " timber for bridge,	5 16
G. A. Nutting, for bridge stringers.	40 00
" " for labor on bridge,	5 00
Abatement of taxes for 1874,	23 57
" " 1875,	29 70
Paid town bonds for 1875-6,-	8,476 00
Interest on coupons,	1,690 10
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	\$15,546 30

#### RECAPITULATION.

Appropriated for schooling,	1,355 99
Town officers' bills for 1875,	569 25
Repairing highways and bridges in 1874-5,	2,079 87
Support of the poor for 1874-5,	535 68
Miscellaneous,	15,546 30
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	\$20,087 09

#### MONEY PAID INTO THE TREASURY.

Taxes assessed in the year 1875,	\$10,861 87
Cash received of county for support of poor,	73 86
Savings Bank tax received,	1,172 29
Railroad tax received,	81 71



Literary fund received,	\$ 119 97
Cash received for town bonds sold,	7,276 64
Interest received on State bonds,	276 00
Cash received of E. Boyden, Town Hall agent,	535 34
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	\$20,397 68

## ASSETS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1876.

Cash in the Treasury,	\$1,894 20
Balance in C. Ryan's hands, Collector for 1874,	51 40
Balance in C. Ryan's hands, Collector for 1875,	3,381 65
State bonds on hand,	4,600 00
Interest on State bonds,	46 00
Value of liquors on hand,	223 80
Estimated value of bridge plank on hand,	100 00
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	\$10,297 05

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1876.

Total amount due on town bonds, 1876,	\$2,582 64
Total amount due on coupons, 1876,	252 92
Due for the support of Mrs. W. R. White at county farm, by estimation,	61 75

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	\$25,397 31
Assets of the town subtracted,	10,297 05
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Indebtedness of the town, March 1, 1876,	\$15,100 26
Indebtedness of the town March 1, 1875,	\$16,713 80
Reduction of debt the past year,	\$1,613 54

# LIST OF TAX-PAYERS,

WITH AMOUNT PAID BY EACH, INCLUDING HIGHWAY AND  
SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Allison, Samuel	\$68 25	\$24 50
Adams, Alphonso A	28 94	10 39
Adams, Lysander A	1 95	
Adams, Oren S	1 95	
Adams, Willard	3 78	
Applin, William A	1 95	70
Austin, Charles A	1 95	70
Atherton, Galen W	1 95	
Allen, Charles A	5 85	2 10
Adams, Marshall D.	21 92	
Algier, Stillman F	1 95	70
Almon, John	1 95	
Applin, Charles R	1 95	70
Boyden, Elijah	83 23	29 88
Bixby, Russell	32 96	11 13
Bailey, Charles W	15 60	5 60
Blodgett, Cyrus	1 95	70
Blodgett, Barton	76 13	16 13
Baker, Thomas J	1 95	70
Bemis, Asa	44 93	
Bemis, James H	1 95	
Bemis, Charles R	17 36	
Bemis, Charles A	5 85	
Bemis, Luther G	29 17	10 47
Bemis, Osgood J	20 05	
Buss, Charles	64 82	23 29
Brooks, Edwin	1 95	70
Buss, Martin J	20 48	7 35
Buss, Henry C	3 41	1 01
Buss, George F.	24 40	8 40
Brigham, Aaron	5 85	2 10
Brigham, Willard P	31 79	
Bradshaw, John W	70 80	2 80
Ball, Francis O	17 85	
Bigelow, Lyman	1 95	70
Bigelow, Albert S	1 95	70

Barker, Jerome J	\$1 95	\$ 70
Blanchard, Milan W	3 71	1 33
Bryant, Hiram	4 51	
Breed, James C	1 95	70
Barry, Dennis	1 95	70
Brewster, Henry E	1 95	70
Buss, Edwards P	1 95	70
Brown, George W	3 90	
Bemis, Catherine	6 83	
Buss, Mary H, Oren S Adams, ocpt	24 38	
Buss, Louisa	14 63	5 25
Butler, Simeon O & Lovell P	4 88	
Baker, Abel W	1 95	
Barker, Sally P	5 85	1 82
Brown, George	10 34	
Black, Almira	15 60	5 60
Buss, Charles & Sons	94 77	34 02
Booth, Charles A	1 95	70
Beene, William	2 95	70
Belliveau, Exilier	15 56	
Byron, Frank	4 95	70
Baldwin, Edward S	1 95	70
Baldwin, Edward S & Co	7 10	2 55
Burnham, Anthony	2 65	95
Bryant, John A	4 49	1 61
Collins, Jedediah T	61 11	
Collins, Asahel	14 63	
Collins, Jairus	53 27	16 11
Collins, Charles R	16 50	5 92
Collins, Hiram	32 57	
Collister, Sumner L	1 95	70
Collister, Sullivan H, Sumner L ocpt,	31 20	11 20
Converse, Nelson	44 52	15 62
Clark, Fuller	38 61	
Clark, Alfred F	1 95	
Clark, Warren H	1 95	
Corey, Abraham	9 66	
Corey, Edward C	5 69	
Clapp, Charles A	18 99	6 82
Capron, Charles W	27 69	9 94
Capron, Curtis W	10 41	3 74
Conant, William P	1 95	
Cudworth, Miles F	11 31	
Campbell, Thomas	2 95	70
Cloutier, George	18 53	6 65
Clemmons, John P	7 61	2 73
Clapp, William M	1 95	70
Cloutier, Peter	13 40	4 45



Cameron, Donald	\$ 1 95	\$
Cutter, Edward E	1 95	70
Cushing, Benj B, Benj P ocpt	14 63	
Cudworth, Roxanna W	35 71	
Cheshire R R Cor, O G Bemis ocpt	9 75	
Cheshire Blanket Co	98 75	35 45
Collins, Jairus, adm'r G W Towne est	19 50	7 00
Chase, Martin	42 47	
Cushing, Benjamin P	8 72	
Derby, David S	8 97	
Davis, John M	29 90	
Davis, George G	89 31	4 55
Due, Frank W	2 93	1 05
Davis, Isaac A	22 72	
Dort, William T	1 95	70
Dodge, Edwin K	3 32	1 19
Dame, Frank S	1 95	70
Davis, Edwin, adm'r of J Davis' est	54 60	19 60
Due, Roxanna E	5 85	2 10
Derby, Cephas, David S Derby ocpt	47 00	
Dexter, Jerusha, Geo Robbins ocpt	23 40	
Emerson, Andrew J	21 45	7 70
Ellis, George S	1 95	70
Esty, Henry	13 07	4 69
Frost, Cyrus	13 65	4 90
Fitch, Elijah	125 78	45 15
Fitch, Murray	4 88	1 75
Fitch, Emmett B	1 95	70
Farrar, Calvin	32 64	11 72
Fuller, Levi A	65 52	
Fairbanks, George L	6 12	
Foster, Enoch	8 76	3 15
Fitzgerald, John A	1 95	70
Flint, Iven	22 04	
Flint, Lavater M	7 24	
Fuller, Amasa, Jr	37 32	
Felch, Eri	9 75	
Foster, Seth P	1 95	70
Forristall, George H	1 95	70
Frost, Asa, heirs of	9 75	3 50
Farnum, Nancy V	20 42	
Frost, Rufus S, Calvin Farmer ocpt	68 25	
Fowler & Thurston	31 20	11 20
Foster, John	1 95	70
Flemming, James	1 95	70
Gates, Elijah	28 28	10 15
Gates, Ivory E	33 35	
Gates, Winslow L	19 97	

Gould, George E	\$ 9 44	\$ 3 39
Gould, Charles W	2 95	70
Gilson, George W	12 83	
Gibson, Reuben & Son	2 73	
Green, Albert W	3 32	1 19
Gokey, Frank S	1 95	70
Gibson, William A	1 95	70
Gilbert, John, A Knowlton ocpt	13 65	4 90
Gates, Parmelia	7 49	
Gorman, William	3 12	
Hillman, John H	5 07	1 82
Hill, Clark	20 93	
Healey, C Wallace	11 70	4 20
Hunt, Moses	7 80	
Hunt, Lorenzo	9 87	
Hunt, Curtis F	3 32	
Hunt, Adolphus H	4 32	1 19
Herrick, Jeremiah	59 44	21 34
Holman, George	51 64	18 54
Hardy, Cyrus E	51 99	
Hardy, Charles W	1 95	
Howard, Charles A	2 99	
Holt, Simon	21 94	
Holt, Lowell M	1 95	
Hemmanway, Luther	75 54	25 93
Harvey, George	17 78	6 38
Harvey, Frank H	20 46	6 99
Haradon, William	3 55	
Hodskins, Christopher	10 95	3 57
Houghton, Charles E	19 97	7 17
Heath, Richard	1 00	
Holbrook, Isaac W	30 60	
Hayes, Sewall F	1 95	70
Harrington, George L	17 55	6 30
Harrington, Noyes G	1 95	70
Harrington, George K	2 93	1 05
Hammond, George P	5 93	2 13
Holt, Alanson	1 95	70
Howe, Gardner F	4 20	1 15
Holbrook, John H	2 73	
Hardy, Alice	21 45	7 70
Harrington, Betsey L	8 76	3 15
Hodskins, Melissa	20 48	7 35
Hardy, Clara E	8 92	
Houston, Michael	1 95	
Hurd, Fidelia	1 50	52
Hemmanway, Luther, Agt for Paquoy Lodge	46 80	16 80

Ingalls, C Frederic	\$ 6 83	\$ 2 45
Jones, Samuel	48 20	
Jones, Levi	17 61	5 96
Jewett, Oliver	17 16	
Jewett, Willie A	9 75	
Jones, Charles E	2 95	
Knowlton, Luke	36 93	13 26
Knowlton, Luke Jr	110 76	35 38
Knowlton, Eli B	39 16	11 96
Knowlton, Albert	1 95	70
Knight, Josiah H	22 23	
Knight, Joel S	22 50	8 08
Knight, Byron C	3 90	
Kimball, John H	34 15	11 90
Knowlton, James	110 88	36 65
Knight, Almira	6 83	2 45
Kennedy, Michael	2 57	92
Kennedy, John	1 95	70
Locke, Charles P	70 62	24 99
Lawrence, J Whitney	29 91	10 74
Leighton, Franklin	10 37	
Lovering, George	41 18	
Lovering, George A	23 43	
Lovering, Frank B	16 68	
Long, Frederic C	2 38	
Livermore, Ezra	11 70	
Lord, Luther S, Mrs Wakefield ocpt	13 65	4 90
Lawrence, Caroline E	70 01	
Lawrence, Gregory	4 88	
Mason, Amos A	35 72	
Mason, Frederick A	5 56	
Mason, Henry H	11 53	
Mason, Edwin W	1 95	
Mason, William C	12 86	
Mason, Charles K	35 10	12 60
Mason, E Willard	14 20	5 10
Mason, Merrill	39 74	
Mason, Stephen S	1 95	
Mason, Hartley D	1 95	
Mason, Almon C	1 95	70
Mason, Levi F	32 45	11 65
Morse, Granville	25 77	8 89
Morse, Levi M	17 43	
Moors, Cyrus S	29 74	10 32
McIntire, David	46 57	16 72
McRoy, John	32 98	
Metcalf, Thaddeus	17 86	2 84
Metcalf, George A	4 90	1 40



Matthews, Edwin B	\$22 23	\$ 7 98
Martin, Alvin K	5 85	2 10
Merrill, John L	2 93	1 05
McQuade, Newell	2 95	70
Metcalf, Henry J	6 20	2 23
Merriam, Benjamin F	54 80	19 67
Merriam, Frank I	1 95	70
Mason, Charles S	1 95	
Maynard, Moses	1 95	
McLane, Horace	1 95	
McIntire, Frank H	1 95	70
Mason, Charles E	1 95	
Morrison, Edward E	1 95	
Morrison, Samuel	2 54	
Marlboro' Mfg Co	604 46	216 99
Monadnoc Blanket Co	263 06	94 43
Mann & Bigelow	81 90	29 40
Marlboro Hotel Co	66 30	23 80
Mason, Warren W & Edwin Parks	3 90	
McIntire, Mary	19 50	7 00
Myatt, Peter	1 95	
McGrath, Michael	1 95	70
Mentor, J & James Smith	14 12	
Monahand, Thomas	1 95	70
Nason, William M	81 90	29 40
Nutting, George A	21 09	
Newell, James	1 95	70
Nye, Ansel L	34 13	12 25
Nye, George W	17 04	3 93
Nye, Wallace G	3 00	
Nason, William M, admr of G T		
Mason's est	15 60	5 60
Pease, Henry H	1 95	70
Porter, George A	47 70	1 40
Parmenter, Austin G	21 84	
Putney, Moses	24 57	4 90
Putney, Alfred L	6 90	
Pratt, Ira	1 95	70
Proctor, Jacob	43 29	
Proctor, Edmund J	1 95	
Partridge, Silas E	1 95	
Platts, Frank W	1 95	70
Person, Leander A, C V Smith ocpt	24 38	
Parsons, Josiah, H Bryant ocpt	24 38	
Pratt, Albert, Moses Putney, ocpt	5 85	
Parmenter, Frederic	1 95	
Quimby, Wilbur B	1 95	70
Roby, Francis A	1 95	70

Rand, John A	\$18 53	\$ 6 65
Richardson, William	18 25	
Richardson, Darius	31 71	10 68
Richardson, Artemas	23 99	
Richardson, Stillman	46 46	
Richardson, Delnan C	17 55	6 30
Richardson, Charles E	1 95	
Richardson, Samuel A	47 10	15 50
Richardson, Matthew	24 38	8 75
Richardson, Joseph M	31 79	
Richardson, Warren W	43 12	2 28
Richardson, Ivers L	13 53	
Russell, Gilbert	15 60	5 60
Ryan, Charles	40 78	11 97
Richardson, Daniel L	3 39	
Richardson, Edward P	1 95	70
Richardson, Thompson H	62 40	20 30
Richardson, Oren W	2 34	
Rollins, Frank O	2 95	70
Rollins, George A	2 95	70
Rice, Jonas C	5 29	1 54
Robbins, George W	1 95	
Robertson, Frank H	149 20	53 20
Richardson, Charles	23 40	6 09
Robbins, George A, H E Weston ocpt	9 75	
Russell, Betsy H, estate	4 29	
Roby, Daniel W, lumber at C Hills' mill	1 95	
Russell, Wilmot, A S S Mason ocpt	7 80	
Reed, William	1 95	70
Rines, George W	1 96	70
Roby & Tilden	13 26	4 76
Ripley, William N	4 12	1 12
Stone, John C	16 07	5 77
Stone, Solon W	46 80	16 80
Southwick, Augustus	35 37	12 70
Southwick, J Kilburn	1 95	70
Smith, Luther	26 67	
Smith, Charles	13 65	4 90
Smith, Henry C	5 46	1 96
Smith, Augustus M	13 34	
Smith, Charles V	2 95	
Smith, William J	1 95	
Smith, George E	1 95	
Sawyer, John W	21 45	7 70
Sawyer, Albert D	11 70	4 20
Stow, David	5 46	
Stay, Charles	23 40	8 40
Sargeant, Josiah L	44 07	

Spofford, Henry A	\$34 59	\$
Stewart, John J	1 95	70
Starkey, Lewis W	1 95	70
Smith, George, H D Stowe ocpt	23 40	
Stowe, Asenath	26 13	3 50
Smith, Prentiss	1 95	
Smith, Charles J	7 80	
Smith, Evander E	8 02	
Stowe, John C 2nd	4 13	1 48
Southwick, Silas C	1 95	70
Slater, Roswell	1 95	70
Tenney, Goodhue	41 48	14 53
Tenney, George W	20 48	7 35
Tenney, Daniel W	55 82	19 32
Tenney, William M	39 78	14 28
Thatcher, George	135 24	27 19
Thatcher, Elias A	19 70	
Town, Daniel	11 54	4 14
Town, Watson D	11 54	4 14
Thatcher, Philander	20 67	
Thatcher, David	1 95	
Thatcher, James	11 43	4 10
Townsend, James	61 19	21 97
Townsend, James F	1 95	70
Townsend, Daniel K	15 60	4 41
Tilden, Christopher	22 97	
Tilden, George	17 55	6 30
Thurston, Franklin R	53 16	19 08
Thurston, Charles H	39 00	14 00
Totten, Christopher	37 75	13 55
Twitchell, Elliott	33 42	12 00
Tupper, George W	1 95	70
Thompson, Mowry A	34 63	12 43
Tenney, Lyman A	1 95	70
Town, Lorin W	1 95	70
Tarbox, Stearns	26 01	
Totten David	1 95	70
Tenney, William	12 68	3 85
Underwood, Lyman	32 04	
Vigman, Exilieu	2 95	
Woodward, Elisha O	161 60	57 65
Woodward, Stillman	55 29	
Woodward, John E	11 70	4 20
Woodward, Augustus T	43 76	5 21
Wiswall, Henry T	27 89	
Wiswall, Oren H	5 49	
Wiswall, Osgood R	48 95	9 31
Wiswall, Henry L	1 95	70



Wallace, Frederic	\$38 64	\$10 71
Wallace, Wilbur F	6 63	2 38
Whitney, Charles O	25 35	9 10
Wood, George W	11 70	4 20
White, Ashley N	5 97	
White, Thomas	54 60	8 40
White, Zophar	11 15	
White, Granville L	30 93	
White, James A	57 37	17 09
White, Lorenzo	19 67	
White, Mason L	1 95	70
Wilkinson, David	2 34	84
Whitcomb, Gilman	10 02	
Wise, George F	30 60	
Wise, Fred L	1 95	70
Winch, Nathan	92 39	33 17
Wetherbee, Daniel	15 43	
Ward, Reuben	27 30	9 80
Ward, Henry	4 80	1 72
Ward, Henry H	1 95	70
Woodward, Elmer T	7 80	2 80
Wright, Bradley E	48 52	15 67
Winch, George F	30 42	10 92
White, Charles E	1 95	70
Whitcomb, Henry W	1 95	
Ward, Erwin E	1 95	70
White, James C	1 95	70
Weston, Herbert E	1 95	
Wetherbee, Charles D	1 95	
White, Ervin A	1 95	70
Wright, Daniel	14 51	
Ward, Frank P	1 95	70
White, William R	1 95	
Wood, Melbourne A	1 95	
Wheeler, John H	1 95	70
Whitney, Lydia K	24 14	
Wilkinson Warren, H D Wilkinson ocpt	25 35	8 40
Wilkinson, Solon, S D Wilkinson ocpt	18 99	6 82
Whitcomb, Elliott	1 95	
White, Naomi	5 85	
Whitcomb, Sally L	10 73	3 85
Wallace, Albert A	11 39	
White, Levi T	2 93	1 05
Wilcox, Simon	1 95	70
Wiswall, Frank T	4 49	
White, J Milton	6 40	
White, Thomas H	17 55	1 40
Ward, Frank P & Co	13 92	5 00
Wardwell, Herbert O	3 90	1 40

## NON-RESIDENT TAX PAYERS.

INCLUDING HIGHWAY AND SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Burns, Eli T	4 88	
Forbush, Hiram	47 78	7 70
Robinson, Jonathan	4 88	
Dudley, George A	1 95	
Farrar, David W	98	
Jones, Jonathan	2 93	1 05
Fox, Benjamin F	13 14	
Bemis, Edmund	9 75	
Farrar, Leonard	3 90	
Lawrence, Alfred	3 90	
Farrar, Leonard	1 95	
Farrar, David W	1 95	
Farrar, David W	19 50	
Farrar, Leonard	31	
Fitch, Lucretia	1 48	
Cummings, Joseph	8 97	3 22
Damon, Thomas and Jude	17 55	
Hitchings, Nathaniel	3 12	56
Knight, Winthrop	1 76	
Hale, Mary J	2 93	
Richardson,	2 93	
Bennett, George A	8 78	

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AMOS A. MASON,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
J. WHITNEY LAWRENCE,	
MOWRY A. THOMPSON,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Marlborough.</i>

## TOWN HALL BUILDING.

REPORT OF ELIJAH BOYDEN, AGENT FROM MARCH 1,  
1875, TO DATE.

1875.

### RECEIPTS.

Mar. 6,	Rec'd from Prof. Bateman,	\$12 00
" 9,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	8 00
" 19,	" Howe & Locke,	2 56
Apr. 1,	" F. P. Ward & Co.,	3 00
" 1,	" J. W. Bradshaw,	7 00
" 15,	" Methodist S. S. Festival,	3 00
" 21,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	5 00
" 29,	" W. H. Otis,	6 00
June 1,	" George G. Davis,	75 00
" 1,	" E. S. Baldwin & Co.,	10 00
" 2,	" Odd Fellows,	15 00
" 7,	" A. Willoby,	2 00
" 21,	" Prof. Reynolds,	3 00
July 1,	" Wyman Sawyer,	37 50
" 1,	" Marlboro' Cornet Band,	10 00
Sept. 1,	" George G. Davis,	75 00
" 1,	" E. S. Baldwin & Co.,	12 50
" 27,	" Heywood Brothers,	5 00
Oct. 1,	" Marlboro' Cornet Band,	10 00
" 6,	" Prof. Harrington,	5 00
" 14,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	7 00
Nov. 1,	" J. C. Stowe,	2 00
" 3,	" Children's Levee, U. S.,	8 00
" 12,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	5 00
" 23,	" Marlboro' Cornet Band,	5 00
" 24,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	8 00
Dec. 1,	" George G. Davis,	75 00
" 1,	" E. S. Baldwin,	37 50
" 16,	" Methodist Levee,	15 00
" 22,	" Congregational So. Levee,	15 00
" 24,	" J. C. Stowe,	8 00
" 31,	" Mechanics' Cornet Band,	5 00



1876.			
Jan. 19,	"	Universalist Levee,	\$15 00
" 26,	"	So. Keene Dramatic Club,	5 00
Feb. 2,	"	Universalist Dramatic Exhibition,	5 00
" 16,	"	Cemetery Meeting,	5 00
Mar. 1,	"	Marlboro' Cornet Band,	16 67
" 1,	"	Bohemian Glass Blowers,	10 00
" 1,	"	George G. Davis,	75 00
" 1,	"	E. S. Baldwin,	37 50
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			\$666 23

1875.	DISBURSEMENTS.		
June 2,	Paid	Town Treasurer,	\$100 00
" 2,	"	for 7 galls. kerosene oil,	37c 2 59
" 2,	"	for 3 lamp chimneys,	12c 36
" 2,	"	A. Knowlton, for care of hall,	20 50
July 30,	"	J. W. Bailey, for whitewashing,	3 45
Sept. 1,	"	Town Treasurer,	100 00
Dec. 2,	"	" " "	100 00
" 2,	"	J. W. Lawrence, for wood,	21 70
" 2,	"	for sawing wood,	2 96
" 2,	"	for 15 galls. kerosene oil,	37c 5 55
" 2,	"	for 7 lamp chimneys,	11c 77
" 2,	"	for painting notices,	1 50
" 2,	"	A. Knowlton, care of hall,	28 50
1876.			
Mar. 1,	"	for 15 galls. kerosene oil,	37c 5 55
" 1,	"	for 4 lamp chimneys,	9c 36
" 1,	"	for getting in wood,	60
" 1,	"	A. Knowlton, care of hall,	31 50
" 1,	"	for my own services,	5 00
" 1,	"	Town Treasurer,	235 34
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			\$666 23

ELIJAH BOYDEN, Agt.

Marlboro', March 1, 1876.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING MARCH 9, 1875, AND  
ENDING MARCH 14, 1876.

## *Citizens of the town of Marlborough :*

Your School Committee have endeavored faithfully to perform the duties of their office during the year now closing, and present you with the following brief report, made from personal observation of the schools under their superintendency, to which we solicit your careful attention.

### DISTRICT No. 1.—Prudential Committee, Isaac Davis.

Miss Clara E. Hardy taught both the Summer and the Fall Term, with marked success. She commenced the Summer Term exhibiting laudable ambition to have a good school, and succeeded admirably. Her pupils evinced much interest in their studies and made commendable progress during both terms. The closing examinations proved very satisfactory to your Committee. Number of scholars, Summer Term, 6 ; Fall Term, 10.

### DISTRICT No. 2.—Andrew J. Emerson, Prudential Committee.

This district has for several years had two departments, but the number of scholars having increased so rapidly it was deemed advisable by your Committee to divide them into three.

Miss Irene L. Harrington taught both the Summer and the Fall Term in the Primary department, with remarkable success. She displayed a great ability in managing a large school of small children. The order and discipline were excellent, and the scholars made decided advancement in their

studies. Vocal music was practiced successfully. Number of scholars, Summer Term, 45 ; Fall Term, 53.

Miss Carrie A. Merriam of Ashburnham, Mass., taught both terms of school in the Intermediate department. The scholars appeared to make some progress in their studies, but the order and discipline absolutely requisite to a good school were not faithfully observed. She failed also to win the respect and co-operation of the scholars, consequently, the school was not so successful as it otherwise would have been. Number of scholars, Summer Term, 26 ; Fall Term, 36.

Miss Nellie M. Atwood, of South Acworth, taught the Summer Term in the Grammar department. Ambitious to excel in her avocation, her efforts were crowned with more than usual success. The scholars made marked progress in their studies, and the closing examination proved very satisfactory to the Committee. Number of scholars, 44.

Mr. Leavitt F. Hayward, of South Acworth, taught the Winter Term of the Grammar department. He succeeded in having one of the best schools we ever had in this district. The discipline and order were excellent, and the scholars made rapid progress in their various studies. The class in Philosophy numbered 14 ; in Algebra, 10 ; Analysis, 9 ; Latin, 5 ; French, 4 ; the two last named classes recited after school hours. Both vocal and instrumental music were practiced daily. The closing examination excelled all other schools in town. An unusual number of the parents of the pupils manifested their interest in the education of their children by being present on this interesting and instructive occasion. Number of scholars, 57.

#### DISTRICT NO. 3.—F. B. Lovering, Prudential Committee.

Miss Ella R. Bickford, of Winchendon, Mass., taught both the Summer and Fall Terms very successfully. She was very ambitious to do thorough work, and she succeeded admirably, as the closing examination of both terms proved. Good order prevailed whenever the Committee visited the schools, and the scholars evinced a deep interest in their studies, and both terms proved profitable and generally satisfactory. Number of scholars, Summer Term, 19 ; Fall Term, 24.



DISTRICT No. 4.—Prudential Committee, Henry H. Mason.

Miss Lillia J. Adams, of Sudbury, Mass., taught the Summer Term. This was her first attempt at school teaching, but she entered upon her work with the purpose to do her duty faithfully. The interest of the school was good, and though the pupils were not much advanced, yet all appeared to have made good improvement. Miss Adams will yet make her mark if she devotes herself to the noble work of the teacher. Number of pupils, 7.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Flora M. Blodgett. This was Miss Blodgett's first effort at teaching, which proved very successful. She displayed an aptness in this direction which, combined with experience, will undoubtedly make her a superior teacher. This school was very small, consequently, the teacher had ample time to assist her pupils in their various studies. The closing examination proved very satisfactory to the Committee. Number of scholars, 4.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Prudential Committee, Amos A. Mason.

The only term during the year in this District was taught in the Autumn and early Winter under the instruction of Miss Emma M. Lovering. Notwithstanding the teacher was quite young, she had attained considerable experience in teaching. She evinced a commendable degree of ambition to succeed in her avocation. The school was under thorough discipline, and the scholars appeared to take a deep interest in their studies, consequently good progress was made. The closing examination proved very interesting and satisfactory to the Committee. Number of scholars, 8.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Prudential Committee, Samuel Jones.

The only school in this district was held in the Summer, under the instruction of Miss Emma J. Chase, of Keene, which continued but one day on account of there being no scholars the second day. The Superintending School Committee advised the Prudential Committee to discontinue the school, and he did so. The farmers, some of them, from this district have moved to the village, and in consequence, there are at present but three scholars in the district.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Jacob Proctor, Prudential Committee.

Miss Anna E. Proctor taught both the Summer and Fall

Terms in this district, making four terms in secession, with commendable success. She appeared very ambitious, and seemed thoroughly devoted to the interests of her pupils. Considerable attention was paid to writing, and a prize was awarded to the scholar making the greatest improvement in this branch during the term. Good progress was made in all the studies pursued, and the closing examination proved above medium. The statistical questions in the register were all answered correctly, which is a very rare occurrence. Number of scholars, Summer Term, 9; Fall Term, 8.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Prudential Committee, Josiah L. Sargent.

The Summer Term was under the instruction of Miss Helen Chase, a teacher of considerable experience, and who succeeded in having a good school. The school evinced thorough discipline, and the closing examination displayed commendable progress in all the studies pursued. Number of scholars, 19.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Josie Barron, of Concord, a teacher also of large experience. The Committee were well pleased with the appearance of the school at the first examination. The teacher and scholars appeared heartily engaged in their work. Good order and discipline prevailed, and the closing examination proved that the scholars had improved their time, and consequently made good advancement in their studies. Number of scholars, 19.

The citizens of Marlborough met at the school house in District No. 2, last August, and decided to have a High School, and chose the following Committee: D. W. Tenney, Rev. J. H. Hillman, Charles Smith, Rev. J. L. Merrill and Cyrus S. Moors. This Committee engaged the services of Mrs. M. M. Joslyn, of South Acworth, a teacher of superior abilities, who taught a term of twelve weeks with the most praiseworthy success. Number of scholars, 50.

## HISTORICAL.

We have arrived at an epoch in the history both of our town and nation, our CENTENARY YEAR, when we are naturally called upon to review the past and to snatch from oblivion and commit to "the immortal custody of the press" those historic facts which will doubtless be of interest, not only to the present generation, but also to many who shall be living here a hundred years from now.

School-teaching is one of the noblest works in which an individual can be employed. The true teacher is a benefactor to the race. He makes impressions and sets in motion influences which are as lasting as the mind. He moulds the statesman and the orator whose words may thrill the nation and to a large extent determine its history and its destiny. And since our national existence and prosperity depend upon our intelligence and virtue as a people, and the latter depend in large degree upon our teachers, their work is alike one of great delicacy and grave responsibility.

With what emotions of pleasure and gratitude do we recall the instructions of our faithful teachers! And not the least in value was the lesson of deference to proper and rightful authority which their strict, and sometimes severe, discipline impressed upon us. Timely correction of bad habits, due respect to equals and proper courtesy to superiors, personal integrity, chastity of speech and manners, reverence for the Supreme Being and sacred things, patriotism and humanity have all been to a greater or less extent impressed upon our minds and hearts by our instructors. And these were among the most important lessons they taught us.

Many of our teachers have passed away, but their names we cherish, and their memories are precious. We deem it a matter of justice and respect due the living and the dead native and long resident teachers of this town to present, so far



as we can, their names, and in some instances personal historical items, which, we trust, will be instructive and pleasing to all the citizens of our town. We wish here to express our thanks to all who have in any measure rendered us assistance in this portion of our report. That it is absolutely correct and perfect in all respects we do not assume. If any important facts and names have been inadvertently and ignorantly omitted, or mistakes made, we trust the future and complete history of the town will rectify and furnish in full. At our request, Mr. Charles A. Bemis has kindly prepared, which we here offer, a sketch of the

### HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN MARLBORO'.

The history of our Common School system is interesting, from the fact that by this we have a certain clue to the intelligence of the people, at every period from the early settlement of the town.

It will be impossible for us to give a detailed account of its rise and gradual development, and we shall only notice a few items in the progress of education, and the means employed for its promotion in Marlboro'.

The township was granted May 20th, 1752, under the name of "Monadnock, Number Five:" but no settlement was made until September, 1764.

In the grant of this township, one lot, or one hundred acres of land, was reserved for the benefit of schools. At what time this lot was disposed of we have not learned, but at a meeting of the proprietors, April 18, 1770, it was voted that William Barker, Isaac McAlister and Richard Roberts be a committee to expend the interest of the school lot in schooling the children. At that time no school houses had been built in the township, and the schools had to be kept in private rooms.

One of the first three schools in the township was kept in the house of Phineas Farrar, in the winter of 1770-71, under the direction of William Barker as a committee. Who the teacher was is not certainly known, but it is supposed to have been JAMES BREWER, one of the first settlers of the town. Other schools were kept the same winter in other parts of the town, but it is not now known who were the teachers.

The town was incorporated in 1776, under the name of Marlborough, and from that time to 1789 the income of the school lot was committed to the care of the selectmen; and although we can find no record of the manner in which it was disposed of, yet it is supposed to have been expended for schools under their direction, in different parts of the town, as fast as it accumulated.

These schools must have been very short, not more than four or six weeks; and even this small luxury could not have been enjoyed more than once in two years. At a meeting of the town, April 10, 1777, it was voted to "divide the town into four equal squadrons for schooling," and a committee was chosen for that purpose. On the 23d of June following, the committee made their report, which was accepted and adopted by the town. There is nothing upon the records to show that any money in addition to the interest of the school lot was appropriated for schools until 1778, when one hundred pounds sterling was raised by tax for this purpose. But this sum was dealt out very sparingly, for it appears by the report of the treasurer, James Brewer, two years after, that only twenty-five pounds of it had, even at that time, been expended. At that early period the revolutionary war, the building of a meeting house, the support of the ministry and the making and repairing of highways were subjects which principally engrossed the public mind; consequently, but little provision was made for the support of schools. And it would seem that the town hardly came up to the requirements of the law, for in a warrant for a town meeting, April 20th, 1781, an article was inserted "To see if the town will provide a school or schools the present year, and raise money for that purpose, in order to keep the town from being presented." This article being called up in the meeting, the town voted not to make any provision for the schools that year. But twelve pounds in 1782, twenty pounds in 1785 and fifteen pounds in 1787 were raised for schooling, and probably expended under the direction of the selectmen. In 1788 the town voted to squadron out the town anew for schooling, and a committee was chosen to make the division. On the fifteenth of December following the town voted "that each squadron shall build thereon school houses, as near the centre as possibly could be convenient,

and that every school house shall be built by the first of December next." In 1789 thirty pounds were raised for schooling, and each squadron was allowed to draw its proportion of the school money, and lay it out as it thought best for schooling. About this time an effort was made by a few of the friends of education to establish a grammar school. But when the town was asked for money to aid the cause it met with an unfavorable reception, and nothing further was done in the matter.

The town is now divided into eight districts, of which No. 2 is the largest, more than one-half of the children in town attending school in this district. The school house is large, commodious, and is furnished with many of the modern improvements, and was built last year by Mr. A. A. Adams. Its size, with a cupola and vane, is 36 by 70 feet. It is two stories high, has a wood-shed, and cost, including grounds and fence, \$8,000. The school money is divided as follows: one-third equally among the several districts, one-third according to the valuation, and one-third according to the number of scholars attending school the winter previous.

Marlboro' has sent out a number of professional men who are an honor to their native town. Among them may be found eight clergymen, seven physicians, and two lawyers; and one of her sons, who has munificently contributed to the intellectual and moral prosperity of the town in the form of "The Frost Free Library," is now a representative in Congress.

To the above sketch we present some additional personal items in connection with the names of

#### NATIVE AND LONG RESIDENT TEACHERS.

Capt. BENJAMIN WHITNEY, Sr., though not a native, having come from Westminster, Mass., was an early settler in this town, where he lived until his death, rearing his family and taking an active part in the educational and political affairs of the community. He used to say he could never have paid for his farm had it not been for the money he received for teaching school winters. He lived in what was called "The Six Nations" District, now known as No. 5.



LEVI GATES, Sr., Esq., was one of the early settlers in town, and a prominent teacher in its early history. He was a Democrat, while his esteemed friend, Whitney, was a Whig. They used to have many a lively discussion on politics, and used to get quite warm, but met and parted on good terms. Mr. Whitney used to wonder how Mr. Gates could get along so well in teaching without a better knowledge of grammar, while Mr. Gates wondered how Mr. Whitney could get along without a better knowledge of arithmetic.

NATHAN E. WILD, Esq., though not a native, was an early settler and a teacher of ability. He died a few years since at the advanced age of about ninety years. He was the first male teacher of Col. Frost, in what is now District No. 6. The three above named early settlers did a great deal to build up the common schools in this town.

MISS PATTY TENNEY, an older sister of Calvin Tenney, now in his 84th year, and who married a Mr. Gage, was one of the early teachers: also, Mrs. SARAH DAVIS, whose maiden name was Wilkinson, now 85 years of age. She taught seven summers and eight schools, one being a subscription school. SILAS NEWTON was a native and a teacher; also, Miss CATHARINE NEWTON was a very successful teacher, a distant relative of Silas. Major THOMAS TOLMAN was a teacher of common schools in this town for a number of years.

Capt. ASA FROST taught considerably in this and in other towns. He is spoken of as an excellent teacher. He died at an advanced age a few years since.

AMOS CUMMINGS, Jr., once taught in what is now the No. 6 District, when there were about sixty pupils who went to school to him, but which has scarcely enough now to make a school at all, as may be seen from another part of this report.

CHARLES CUMMINGS, Sr., was a native and good teacher. He was a minister of the Gospel also. Dea. JAMES FARRAR taught here and in other towns. ROBERT EMERSON and DANIEL PARKHURST were old teachers; also Miss EUNICE BUSS, aunt to Stillman, and who married a Mr. Nason; also, LUTHER WISWALL, now a Congregational minister in Maine, who taught a number of terms, and taught well. MINOT LANE and BETSEY WISWALL taught; ATTOSA FROST, also, who went as a missionary to Bombay, where she died.

Col. CYRUS FROST, now 78 years of age and who has been partially blind for the last ten years, began teaching after he was 21 years of age, in the winter of 1818-19, and followed it at greater or less intervals for more than twenty years. He taught at least twenty-four terms of school. He began in Keene, and taught also in Westmoreland, Roxbury, Marlboro', Dublin, and in Newton, Mass. He taught two terms in Newton after he was forty years of age. He taught in this town also after he was fifty years of age. He taught in the "Centre" district, the school house of which stood near the present residence of J. Merrill Davis, about a quarter of a mile west of the old burying ground, more than forty years ago, for two terms, when our present first selectman, Amos A. Mason, and others went to school to him, and when he had in his school each term more than a hundred pupils, and some twenty-five of them were men and women grown. Col. Frost was known far and near as a good manager of a school, and was noted as one capable of keeping the most difficult schools in Cheshire county. He says: "I did the best I could. The first school I ever taught was the stillest. I did not flog but little—some two or three in the first school I taught—and occasionally since, but have taught a great many without striking a blow. I had the care of schools that others could not manage. I was called twice to finish out schools where others had failed. I had one scholar once that no teacher before me could get along with without flogging. An old teacher (Capt. Whitney) asked me 'How is it you get along with that Horace Alger, for I have heard that you have not flogged him this Winter?' I told him that I came to the conclusion that he had been flogged too much, and I thought I would try a different plan, and so I have appealed to his manhood." This Horace was known throughout town as a pretty rough fellow, and went by the general appellation of "Algiers devil."

BENJAMIN WHITNEY, Jr., Esq., born in town, taught many terms, and, like his father, was a good teacher. He is still living, and resides in Littleton, in this State.

LEVI GATES, Jr., Esq., was quite a prominent teacher in the common schools, and, like his father, a fine penman, and a Democrat.

STILLMAN BUSS is spoken of as a very good teacher, but rather quick tempered; he died in Lowellville in 1862.

JONAS WHITNEY was quite a noted teacher. He was a graduate at Dartmouth College, and taught the higher branches, and for a number of years followed the business of teaching in New York State, and in the city of St. Louis, where he died a number of years ago.

LORIN C. FROST, son of "Capt." Asa, was quite a good teacher. Miss ZOAH NOYES, though not a native, was quite a prominent teacher here for many terms, where she married Dea. James Farrar. She died recently.

WILLIAM GILE was a fine teacher in the district schools. He afterwards succeeded finely in a union high school in Rhode Island.

Miss POLLY LINCOLN and her sister SALLY, now Mrs. Sarah Whitcomb, were teachers; also SUSAN MASON.

Dea. ABEL BAKER, of Troy, was a native and very successful teacher of this town. MAHALA, his sister, taught; she was burned to death some 28 years since in Troy.

Miss ESTHER CONVERSE, who married Windsor Gates, was a teacher. WILLARD CONVERSE was a good teacher.

PHILIP SWEETZER, who used to have a silver-mounted whip, is well remembered by some of our citizens, especially Colonel Converse. SARAH and MARY GAGE, ELIZABETH ELWELL, ANNA and SARAH HARVEY, SAMANTHA, ADALINE and HARVEY FARRAR, FANNY and OSGOOD HERRICK have all honorable mention. LUCY JONES was one of the most successful teachers; her sisters MELINDA and CLARINDA also taught; also HARRIET COOLIDGE, who married Asa Frost; AMORETT WILD, now Mrs. Elijah Gates, and ASA HOLMAN; also MARY, FANNY L., FRANKLIN and HARRIET S. HOLMAN.

Mr. Charles Ryan, the adopted son of Benjamin Whitney, Sr., says: "Father Whitney's family was a large one, and all but two were teachers. The oldest daughter was married young, and the youngest daughter did not teach. All the rest were teachers. He had two sons, Benjamin and Jonas." He mentions the names of the daughters who taught, as SARAH, LYDIA, SOPHRONA, SILENA and RUHAMA. Of PORTERS, as teachers, we have the names of ASA, REUBEN, LOVELL, EZRA and GEORGE A. Miss CYNTHIA FARRAR, daughter of Phinehas, was a teacher, and was among the first missionaries to Bombay; she never married, and died a few years since; RUTH,

another daughter, a teacher, married Minot Lane and settled in Detroit—they are both dead. MINOT LANE, a teacher, has been a judge of the police court in Detroit; also, MELINDA, his sister, now Mrs. Reuben Morse, of Troy. ALFRED CLARK taught. SUMNER, a brother of Hon. RUFUS S. FROST, was a teacher. JOSEPH FROST, Esq., their father, was a noted singing-school teacher, and paid for his farm largely from the proceeds from that business. MELINDA, PERSIS and MARIAM BLODGETT taught. Miss MARY WARD, who married Aaron Stone, "was a noted teacher and all her children"; ELLEN R., now teaching in Charlestown, Mass.; ELIZA ANN, now in the West, a Mrs. Bruse, MARY JANE, a Mrs. Stevens, whose husband is a physician in Hollister, Mass.; and ANDREW, quite a noted lawyer in Lawrence, Mass. Rev. PHILANDER WAL-LINGFORD taught a number of singing schools. The spelling school was a common and noted institution in the days of the older teachers.

Dr. JAMES BATCHELDER, though a native of Royalston, Mass., was a long resident in this town, was a school committee and interested himself in the cause of education, and was also a great friend of temperance. On a certain occasion at a spelling school, where there had not been very good order, he was requested to put out the words. In his quick and nervous style he replied: "Yes, yes, let me take your ruler," and giving several smart raps he said: "Let us have order—not a whisper,"—and all was quiet and harmonious.

Miss JERUSHA ADAMS, who married Rev. Mr. Libby, a Baptist minister, was a teacher, she is now in Germany; WILLARD, her brother, a physician, also a former teacher, is now living in town with Dea. Levi Fuller, his son-in-law.

The school houses in former times were generally quite small. The large fire-place at one end of the room made a good ventilator. The seats were on the two sides and one end of the room.

The teachers then had the copies to set, and make the pens of goose quills. Once when Benj. Whitney, Sen., was about to go away from the school house at noon, one of the largest boys hallooed to him "Come back and make your manners." When the teacher got round to that youth's writing-book, he wrote for him the following sentence as his copy: "Come,



speak the truth, say, is, manners a crime in youth?" The youth came to his teacher and apologized, saying that he spoke as he did on the spur of the moment, and mutual good feeling was restored and continued.

BELINDA LANE taught. JAMES B. LANE, a graduate at college, taught a select school in town. He was a druggist in Fitchburg, Mass., for some time, but is now dead.

HANNAH and MARIAH WAKEFIELD—"they were both good teachers—Mariah especially." JULIAETTE WAKEFIELD is also mentioned.

THORLEY and KESIAH COLLESTER are named; also LYDIA and IRENE WHITNEY, and CHARLES CUMMINGS, Jr., and MARY WISWALL.

JAIRUS COLLINS, Esq., began teaching upwards of forty years since. He has taught more terms, probably, than any other teacher of this town—no less than thirty, in and out of town.

HENRY CLAY TENNEY, a son of Calvin, has been a prominent teacher in this and other towns.

REV. SULLIVAN MCCOLLESTER has been a prominent and successful teacher both at home and abroad. He is a good speaker; has traveled extensively, and has been in Africa, Asia and Europe, and from time to time given the people of this town interesting lectures on his travels. He is now a teacher and the president of a college in Akron, Ohio. QUINCY MCCOLLESTER, M. D., a brother of Sullivan, is a skillful physician and practices medicine at Ayer Junction, Mass. ORILLA and ELLEN, sisters to the last named brothers, are married. Miss, now Mrs. HANNAH M. RICHARDSON, taught one term.

MARY, FANNY, ELIZA and LYDIA, daughters of John Buss, were teachers. HARRIET BUSS has also taught. ELLEN and LYDIA G., daughters of Jerry Herrick, have taught. HARRIET and MARY ELIZABETH STONE, were successful teachers; the former is the wife of Henry C. Piper, of Dublin, the latter of David Heald, of Milford. CHARLES K. MASON, Esq., and Dr. SAMUEL RICHARDSON, natives of Dublin, have been successful teachers. Rev. WM. C. WHITCOMB taught; he was a chaplain in the War of the Rebellion and died in the army; JAEI, also, a sister, who married a Wyman, of Winchendon, Mass.;

EMILY, AMANDA, MARTHA and ELIZA FARRAR, are named; WM. JONES, Jr., also, CLARINDA and SARAH M. JONES, LUCY TENNEY, HEMAN GREENWOOD, SALLY and ANNA HARVEY, are remembered. Rev. EDWIN DAVIS taught some; also EDWIN FULLER; and LOUISA M., a daughter of "Major" TOLMAN. LOUISA NUTTING, SARAH STONE, and ARVILLA WOODWARD taught. Miss ELLEN L. RICHARDSON has taught more than seventy months, and is still at it. DANIEL B., JAMES and MARY, children of Stillman Woodward, have been teachers; SARAH, MARTHA and MARY MASON also; JOSEPH C. MASON has taught; ROSALIND MORSE, ANNA STURTEVANT, HANNAH BLODGETT, ELLEN FORBUSH, Dea. CHARLES E. HOUGHTON, now preaching in Auburn, SARAH, HARRIET and CARRIE AMANDA FROST have all taught with greater or less success. SARAH, daughter of Col. Converse, taught, and so did J. WILLIAM, a son, now a good lawyer in Springfield, Mass. MARY, ANGELIA, EMILY and ALICE GATES have all taught with success. LILLIA KNOWLTON, MARIA CAPRON, AMELIA BOYDEN, ADALIZA M. WARD, M. ADDIE SARGENT, and J. KILBURN, and SARAH SOUTHWICK, are all honorably enrolled. LOUISA and MARY DAVIS, who got their education in large degree in town, though they lived in the edge of Jaffrey, have taught HANNAH JONES, a graduate at South Hadley, Mass., is one of our modern teachers. Miss JANETTE L. STONE of Dublin, wife now of Bradley Wright, has taught a number of terms. ABBIE HARDY, and CHARLES HARDY, LOUISA and LIZZIE HARDY, have taught. SARAH JONES, a daughter of Levi Jones, has taught with success. FRANK A. COREY, the author, was a teacher; and AMOS L., his brother, has taught a number of writing schools. CHARLES E., HENRY H., and ELIZA E., children of Merrill Mason, have all taught one or more terms each. JENNIE NEWTON and FLORA M. BLODGETT are the youngest of our native teachers.

What town in New Hampshire with less than a thousand inhabitants can show a longer and more honorable list than ours?

Whether our common schools are as good now as they were a quarter or half a century ago, is perhaps a question more easily asked than answered. The branches pursued are doubtless higher and more numerous, and our modern teach-

ers, in a literary point of view, more advanced than the fathers and mothers, but as to school management and instruction in good etiquette and the teaching of the heart, the ancient surpassed, perhaps, the modern teachers.

In this and other surrounding towns, some thirty or more years ago, the Common School Association held its meetings, winter evenings, at the school houses, in which the citizens generally took an active interest, and which were very useful in elevating the standard of common school education. They were originated by Rev. Levi W. Leonard of Dublin, who, for thirty years, took a great interest in the cause of education, and who wrote some valuable text-books, one of which, "The North American Spelling Book," has been especially popular. As early as about 1830, the present New Hampshire school law, in its most essential features, was drafted by him. A friend and admirer says of him: "No man ever did so much good, and the people knew so little about it, as Mr. Leonard."

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## SUGGESTIONS.

Whoever will carefully survey the whole field of education will discover that the tendency of this age is centralization. How shall we decrease our schools, and still increase the efficiency of our various school systems?

In our highest educational circles, the demand is less Colleges and better ones, with all the advantages that wealth and talent can supply.

No more Academies and Seminaries, unless built and endowed with princely munificence.

Educators who are looking at the germ as well as the after-growth, are asking with anxious hearts, How can our common schools keep pace with the gigantic strides of the age?

In our higher education we are ready to sacrifice *convenience* to utility. We care but little whether the college we attend is in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, or the "West." It is not a question of how we shall get there, but what can they do for us when there? where can they do the best work? and we answer the question by looking to see how well they are endowed, and what an array of talent this endowment commands.

Once \$20,000 would endow a college; now one with a million of dollars finds itself crippled in efficiency for want of means.

All colleges however are not alike, neither are all our public schools. Some of our public schools have kept pace with the rapid progress of the age. They are the ones that have secured *School-teachers* and not *School-keepers*. Hearing lessons and governing the school is the entire work of the school-keeper—a mere jailer. A school teacher finds this sort of work but a slight part of his labor. He must supplement the facts of the lesson by the “untold part” of the lesson. He must so interest his pupils that they will govern themselves. More than that, he must create a hunger for knowledge so intense, that no obstacles, though mountainous, will seem too great to be overcome. This he alone can do who possesses the treasures he moves others to win, by illustrating, personally, the power of these treasures to adorn and enoble.

Feeble schools cannot secure such teachers, though their services are indispensable; and this brings us to the solution of the problem: How shall we give the children in small villages and rural districts the advantages of first class schools?

As before remarked, the demand of all educators to-day is, give us fewer schools and better ones. The graded school, terminating with a high school department, represents the ripened fruit of our common school system.

In economy of time and expenditure, in adaptation to all ages and conditions, in conferring the greatest good on the greatest number, it is all that any community could desire; backed by the property of city, village or town, it has always means and students, and can have the best teachers.

In cities and large villages the graded school meets the wants of the age. In smaller places it may be made to do so by sacrificing convenience to advantage.

The area of the district must be increased. In this case the school buildings cannot stand in every man's door-yard. But how much better for pupils to walk one and a half miles, or ride any reasonable distance in going to a good school, than to go a few rods to a poor one.



But how can our feeble schools in the country share in the benefits of our first-class school in the village? There is but one way—by becoming a part of that school. Let each of the District Schools have its Summer Term of 10 or 12 weeks; then let the residue of the school moneys be applied in having one good school for all the children of the town. Instead of the expense of hiring eight or nine teachers, and warming as many school rooms, employ three, or four, if needed; and instead of paying \$305.50 a month—as we have been doing—to educate 200 children, it would cost but about one-half the amount, or in other words, the term could be twice as long as at present. And those who live away from the village will soon discover that the cost of warming their seven school houses will go far, if not exceed, the cost of stable hire for the teams with which the children bring themselves to school.

Your Committee think they have answered the most difficult question that can be asked them—how may we give all the children in Marlboro' the benefits of a first-class school without sending them from home?

Respectfully submitted.

REV. H. WELLS HAND,

REV. JOHN H. HILLMAN,

CHARLES SMITH,

*Superintending School Committee.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. of weeks of School.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.	No. of Scholars.	No. in Arith- metic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geogra- phy.	No. in Penman- ship.	History.	Algebra.
1	Summer.	Clara E. Hardy.	7	\$23.00	6	5	2	4	4	0	0
"	Fall.	"	12	28.00	10	9	6	6	9	2	0
2	P. Summer.	Irene L. Harrington,	8	28.00	45	14	0	7	0	0	0
"	P. Fall.	"	8	32.00	53	20	0	14	11	0	0
"	I. Summer.	Carrie A. Merriam.	8	32.00	26	26	5	26	20	0	0
"	I. Winter.	"	12	32.00	36	36	25	36	15	0	0
"	G. Summer.	Nellie M. Atwood.	8	42.00	44	44	28	30	0	0	4
"	G. Winter.	Leavitt F. Hayward.	12	52.00	57	45	24	22	14	0	10
3	Summer.	Ella R. Bickford.	10	28.00	19	16	0	11	15	0	1
"	Fall.	"	9	28.00	24	19	3	11	14	0	0
4	Summer.	Lilla J. Adams.	8	24.00	7	6	1	6	5	0	0
"	Fall.	Flora M. Blodgett.	8	24.00	4	4	1	1	3	0	0
5	Fall.	Emma M. Lovering.	12	31.00	8	8	6	5	8	1	0
6	Summer.	Emma J. Chase.	0		1						
7	Summer.	Anna E. Proctor.	9	22.50	9	7	3	3	3	0	0
"	Fall.	"	10	22.50	8	7	5	5	4	0	0
8	Summer.	Helen Chase.	8	24.00	19	17	4	7	7	1	0
"	Fall.	Josie Barron.	8	36.00	19	17	7	7	8	0	2











